

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2650

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, TZ  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: SCHEDULE FOR A SETTLEMENT

REF: LONDON 10766 AND 10780

1. FROM OUR OBSERVATION POST HERE, EMBASSY LONDON'S CONCERN ABOUT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN'S "HURRY-UP" SCHEDULE ON RHODESIA SEEMS WELL PLACED.

2. OWEN'S FEAR OF LOSS OF MOMENTUM MAY BE VALID FOR SOME ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, BUT WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT NYERERE'S SUPPORT AND HOPES FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE APPROACH ARE RUNNING DOWN.

3. AS FAR AS NATIONALIST GROUP'S DEROGATIONS OF US-UK EFFORT ARE CONCERNED, WE WOULD INTERPRET THEM AS RESULT OF JOCKEYING FOR POSITION AMONGST THEMSELVES AND SEEKING TO ESTABLISH BARGAIN-  
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ING BASE RATHER THAN AS REFLECTION DECISION TO REJECT EFFORT ENTIRELY OR AS CONSEQUENCE FEAR THAT IT WILL PETER OUT IF NOT PROMPTLY CONSUMMATED.

4. IN ADDITION TO DANGERS CITED REFTELS OF OVERLY HASTY FORCING OF DECISION STAGE, WE WOULD ADD:

A. STRENGTHENING OF MUGABE'S, AND PERHAPS OTHER AFRICANS'  
SUSPICION THAT WHOLE EFFORT WAS AIMED AT SIMPLY GIVING BRITISH  
OPPORTUNITY TO CUT THEMSELVES LEGALLY LOOSE FROM RHODESIAN MESS  
RATHER THAN AT REALLY ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY  
RULE, AND

B. INCREASED POSSIBILITY FAILURE FOR SHORT SCHEDULE SHUTTLE  
EFFORT DESIGNED TO CATALYZE SOLUTION WHILE CRUCIAL ENDS REMAIN  
UNTIED (A LA LAST OCTOBER). THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE  
SINCE MANY AFRICANS CONSIDER PRESENT EFFORT LAST POSSIBILITY FOR  
NEGOTIATED SOLUTION.  
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